

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0995
J.M. Price House
716 Stablersville Road
Parkton, Baltimore County
1800 ca.
Private

The circa 1800 J.M. Price House is representative of the many vernacular stone buildings constructed throughout rural Baltimore County in the early 19th century. The dwelling was erected in the vicinity of Parkton in the Seventh District, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. Prior documentation suggests that the house dates to the 18th century and served as a still house operated by Captain James Calder. The 1850 county atlas, however, depicts the structure as occupied by J.M. Price. The house is situated in the town Parkton, a major railroad stop for the Northern Central Railway. Located just about twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City, the community grew from a small crossroads town in the mid-1800s to an important late 19th century stop along the Northern Central Railroad. The village was home to about fifty people in 1881.

The J.M. Price House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction. Two reconstructed stretcher bond brick interior chimneys rise from the gable ends of the building. The side gable roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles, changes pitch at the eave and has a more shallow grade as it extends over a two-story, three-bay-wide porch that spans the width of the paraged façade, or southwest elevation. Square wood posts support the second story, which features a square-edged wood balustrade, and the porch roof. A flight of stairs on a stone foundation ascend to the side of the second story porch. A side entry with sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with four-light sidelights over paneled dado and two 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and round-edged wood sills pierce the first story. A central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door flanked by two 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and round-edged wood sills is centrally located on the second story. A one-story, shed-roofed addition clad in vinyl siding projects from the southeast elevation. The rear, or northeast elevation, is distinguished by the presence of a one-story, one-bay-square gabled portico that dates to circa 1940 and two gabled dormers that are equally spaced on the roof. West of the dwelling is a circa 1940 garage of wood frame construction clad in flush-vertical-board siding with a front gable roof clad in wood shingles. The two stone foundations that are extant on the property are banked into the hillside and appear to date to the early 19th century and feature random rubble stone construction.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic J.M. Price House (preferred)

other Old Stone House

2. Location

street and number 716 Stablersville Road not for publication

city, town Parkton - vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Eleanor Duvall Spruill
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street and number 230 3rd Street

telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Cheraw	state	SC	zip code	29520
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	liber 5638 folio 764
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city, town	Towson	tax map 12	tax parcel 164	tax ID number	1700006851
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	<u>2</u>	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>4</u>	___ Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1800, the vernacular J.M. Price House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction. Two reconstructed stretcher bond brick interior chimneys rise from the gable ends of the building. The side gable roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles, changes pitch at the eave and has a more shallow grade as it extends over a two-story, three-bay-wide porch that spans the width of the parged façade, or southwest elevation. Square wood posts support the second story, which features a square-edged wood balustrade, and the porch roof. A flight of stairs on a stone foundation ascend to the side of the second story porch. A side entry with sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with four-light sidelights over paneled dado and two 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and round-edged wood sills pierce the first story. A central sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door flanked by two 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and round-edged wood sills is centrally located on the second story. A one-story, shed-roofed addition clad in vinyl siding projects from the southeast elevation. The rear, or northeast elevation, is distinguished by the presence of a one-story, one-bay-square gabled portico that dates to circa 1940 and two gabled dormers that are equally spaced on the roof.

West of the dwelling is a circa 1940 garage of wood frame construction clad in flush-vertical-board siding with a front gable roof clad in wood shingles. The one-story, one-bay-square building has a cinderblock pier foundation and an offset entry with no door.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1800 ca.-present

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.⁴ Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850); see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA) p. 872.

⁴ Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1800, the J.M. Price House has been associated with the thirty acres of land known as tax parcel 164 of map 12 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

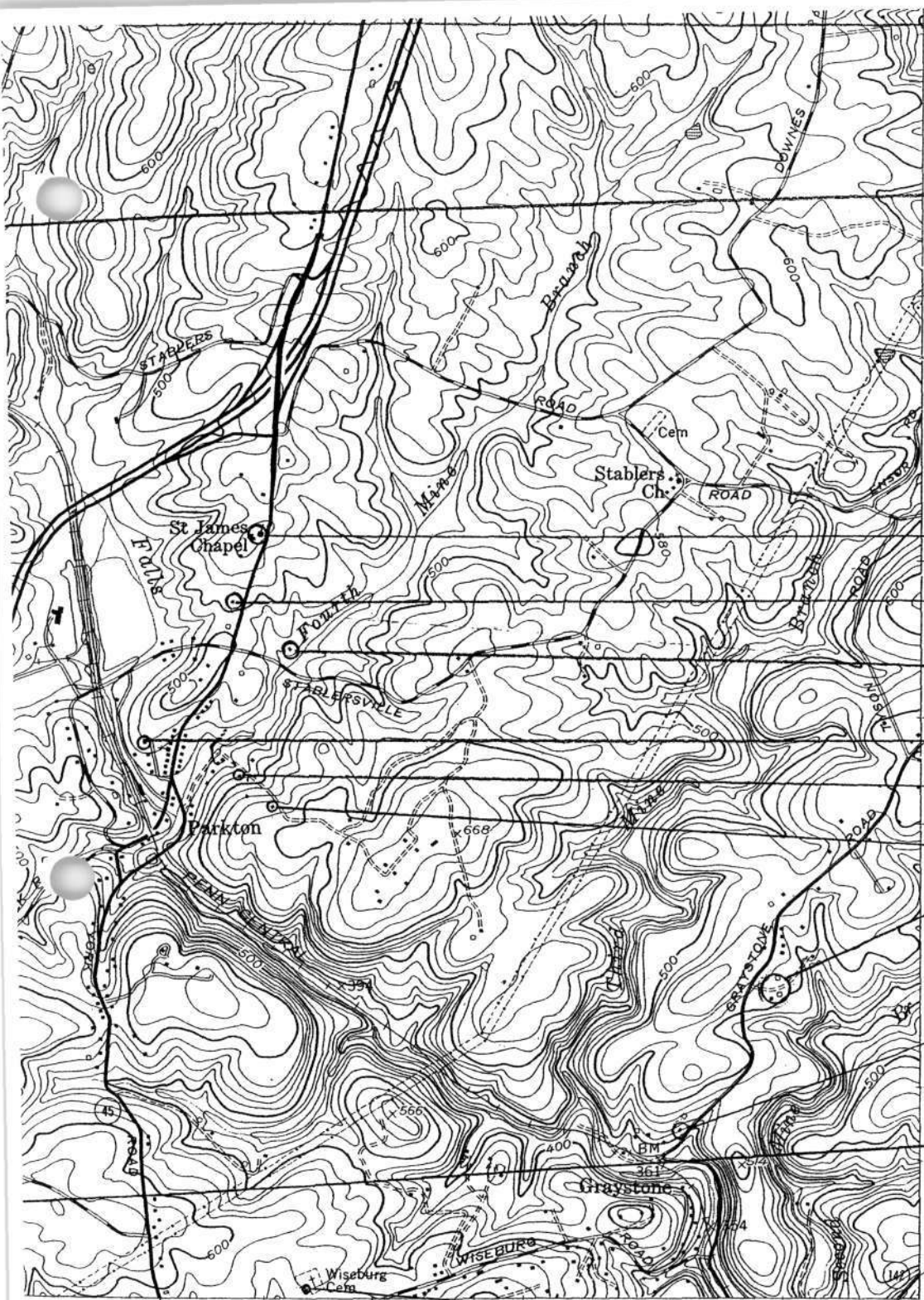
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 15, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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TRACEY HOUSE
19919 CAMERON MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0403
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0998
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
19200 YORK ROAD
- BA-1153
CASTLE CALDER
19112 YORK ROAD
- BA-0995
716 STABLERSVILLE ROAD
PARKTON, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2201
18918 CALDER AVENUE
- BA-2193
707 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2194
725 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2897
BURNS-BOND HOUSE
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2740
BURNS HOUSE
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0911
OLD COOPER HOUSE
1003 OLD BARN ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1205
810 WISEBURG ROAD
(PHOENIX)

EREFORM 2.6 MI. 2310 000 FEET (PA.)

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1984

39°37'30"

76°37'30"

BA-1142
COOPER SCHOOL #6
1012 DEMACOST ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

U. S. Route State Route



NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N3937.5-W7637.5/7.5

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
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OLD STONE HOUSE - 1700s - 716 Stablersville Road, just west of Fourth Mine Branch, Parkton vicinity. Stone house of primitive design, 2-½ stories, 3 bays wide, gable-roofed; inside end-chimneys; second-story gallery or porch. Family tradition holds that this was Captain James Calder's stillhouse. Shown on 1850 map as J.M. Price's, as Mrs. Emack's in 1915 atlas. Owner: Eleanor D. Spruill.